

1. [Currently Amended] A safety grip for engaging a long
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barreled weapon ~~or the like~~ in a vertical attitude with barrel facing
upwardly comprising a mounting bracket, said mounting bracket having a
mounting plate and a support plate, said support plate having a recess
therein, and said recess being open at one end thereof, said support plate
being substantially horizontal when mounted as intended;

a nest pad, said nest pad being supported on said support
plate, an opening in said nest pad, said opening being aligned with said
recess in said support plate;

a ring disposed on said nest pad about said opening;

a slit in said nest pad, said slit running from an edge of said
nest pad to said opening to thereby provide access to said opening through
said slit.

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2. [Currently Amended] The safety grip of Claim 1, ~~comprising-~~
~~a ring,~~ said ring disposed being formed on said nest pad about said
opening, and a slit in said ring coincident with said slit in said nest pad for
receiving the barrel of a weapon to be secured in said safety grip within
said ring.

3. [Currently Amended] The safety grip of Claim 1, wherein said nest paid is of a pliable material, said material about said opening, and above said recess in said support plate adapted to frictionally engage the barrel of the weapon frictionally to secure the same in said safety grip.

4. Cancel Claim 4.

5. [Original] The safety grip of Claim 1, wherein said opening comprises a pair of intersecting circular openings.

6. [Original] The safety grip of Claim 1, wherein said nest pad is provided with at least one cut intersecting said opening therein to assist in accommodating various sized gun barrels.

7. Cancel Claim 7.

8. [Original] The safety grip of Claim 6, wherein several cuts are provided in said nest pad about the circumference of said opening.

9. [Currently Amended] The safety grip of Claim [[2]] 1,
wherein said nest pad is of a pliable material and said ring is also made of
pliable material.

10. [Currently Amended] The safety grip of Claim [[2]] 1,
wherein said opening comprises a pair of intersecting circular openings.

11. [Original] The safety grip of Claim 2, wherein said nest pad
is provided with at least one cut intersecting said opening therein to assist
in accommodating various sized gun barrels.

12. [Currently Amended] The safety grip of Claim 5, wherein
several cuts are provided in said nest pad and said ring about the
circumference of said opening.